

MOB OF THE KINGS

Alexander Harvey Delves Deep in Psychological Love.

TO UNRAVEL DEEP MYSTERIES

Story of the Prime Minister and His Answer to the Summons of a Loosely Potentate.

"Your majesty sent for me?"

Xoro KXII, raised his head from the psychological work he was pursuing. The prime minister stood before him.

"Yes, Gogo," he said, in the clear, metallic voice which even more than his handsome young face caused him to be the most admired of lunar monarchs. "I wish to ask you about the mob of kings."

"I trust, sire," remarked Gogo, as his monarch hesitated momentarily, "that the idea pleases you."

"Precisely, it does not. As a psychological experience, however, I feel



KING KXII AND HIS PRIME MINISTER.

tempted to ask that you put it into execution."

Gogo's ugly old face became corrugated in a grin.

"When I made prisoners of the fifty brides a month ago, sire, and had them roasted alive in the royal gardens, you will remember that your objections were strenuous. But as a psychological experience for yourself was not the spectacle worth all the agony of mind it caused you?"

In his earnestness the prime minister had dropped the formal "sire" and "majesty."

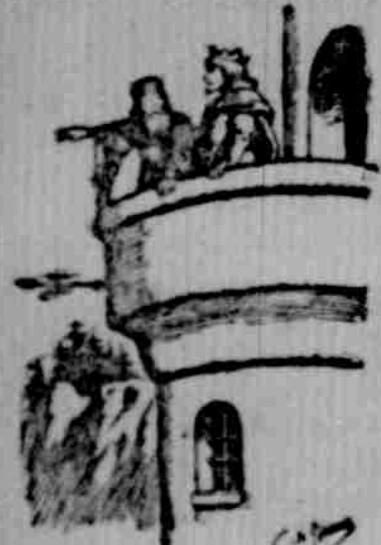
"I hardly know," replied the king. "There are times when I lie awake at night and see the forms of those girls writhing before me. I hear their shrieks and behold their young husbands making frenzied efforts to rescue them and falling beneath the weapons of my troops. At such times I ask if even a psychological experience may not be bought too dearly."

"It depends upon what you mean by a psychological experience," said Gogo, who suppressed impatience. "Your ambition being to pass through every mental state of which the mind is susceptible, you should comfort yourself with the reflection that you have at least the courage of your convictions. The love and respect of your subjects are dear to you. You sacrifice them in the interest of science. That is as disinterested, sire, and as praiseworthy as the conduct of the lad who goes without food that he may spend more money upon books."

The king knew that Gogo gratified his own revengeful instincts very often in the name of a psychological experience for his royal master. But Xoro never had the courage to say so openly.

"Concerning the mob of kings," he said, "do you think that the sight of a hundred rulers raging through the streets of my capital like so many unruly revolutionists will diminish respect for royalty? Moreover, how can you get the kings to make a mob of themselves?"

"Kia die, sire," replied Gogo, "acknowledge this. This mob of ours revolting around the fiery earth, from which it receives light and heat, will one day be a planetary corpse with no form of life upon it. The earth, in its turn, may team with breathing millions, only to grow cold and dead at last. Will it make any difference then that royalty fell into disrepute ages ago?"



"BEHOLD THE MOB OF KINGS."

But truth is as eternal as the universe. You have but a lifetime in which to investigate mental phenomena. A mob of kings is as good to experiment with as anything else."

"Better, Gogo. Carry out your idea. I sanction all your acts."

The news that King Xoro had invited all the monarchs of the moon to his capital in commemoration of the thousandth year of his dynasty's rule proved a satellite-wide sensation. The kings came from all directions with scepters and crowns. The city was gayly decorated. The streets were thronged.

The crowning event of the jubilee was a banquet tendered by Xoro to his royal brethren. Only a king could sit down to it. The guests were waited upon by their respective prime ministers.

"Gogo," said Xoro, when the dessert was reached, "I understand you have a lust in store for me."

"To be painting, sire, which I beg you to criticize."

As he spoke the folds of a curtain at the end of the banquet hall parted.

A simultaneous rhapsody of exclamation burst from the kings.

The painting revealed a young woman clad in white. She seemed riding upon a cloud, and her beauty defied exaggeration.

"Who was the artist?" asked the youthful monarch of Horticulture.

"A young man from the country," said Gogo. "He is self-taught and very shy."

A general wish to see the painter resulted in his being brought in. A youth of handsome appearance and modest bearing he proved to be.

"Who was your model?" inquired Xoro.

"I had none, sire. The work is an ideal one entirely."

A moment later the artist had departed.

"Not one of the kings believes that," whispered Gogo in Xoro's ear. "I have consistently assumed each that the original of the picture is kept a prisoner by your orders."

The visiting kings are assembled before a frowning tower in the outskirts of Xoro's capital. The ruler of Horticulture was haranguing them.

"Can we allow such loveliness to languish in a dungeon?"

"No!" shouted the stout old king of Menax. "Rescue her, and I will give her asylum at my court."

"Or at mine!" exclaimed all the rest at once.

"I have a prior claim," declared the Horticulture monarch.

"Perhaps we might rescue the girl before fighting for her," observed the king of Kaledin.

Saying this he leaped upon a step in the wall. The Horticulture hurried him furiously to the ground.

Instantly there was a hubbub. The allies of Kaledin sprang to his side. The king of Horticulture was also surrounded by his friends. A general combat ensued. In the melee crowns, scepters, robes and jewels were hurled about like paving stones and street missiles.

King Balbor has climbed up to the capitol's window, shouted one king suddenly. "He will carry off the girl!"

The line of battle changed at once. All drew nearer the tower walls. Some hurled objects at Balbor. Others sought to drag him down by standing on their fellows' shoulders and stretching forth their arms to seize the hem of his robe.

"There is your mob of kings, sire," said Gogo, who stood with Xoro on the

roof of a high fortress that commanded a full view of the scene.

"Instructive the sight is," said Xoro, sadly. "Who would suppose that proud and powerful kings would descend to the tactics of a horde of proletarians?"

Gogo's hideous countenance was wreathed in another grin.

The kings had by this time reached the window of the tower, still quarreling among themselves, and were entering the structure.

Suddenly Horticulture appeared at a casement bearing the form of a white-robed girl in his arms. The youthful artist was behind him.

"Horror!" Gogo exclaimed Xoro. "You said the girl was an ideal—that she did not exist!"

"So I supposed, sire," replied Gogo, in dismay. "I—"

But the king had left him and was soon speeding toward the towers.

"Hold!" he exclaimed, scaling the walls like the wind.

In another moment he was surrounded by his furious brethren, all eager to seize the girl. But Xoro had her in his arms. With drawn sword he faced them.

"Now I am in the mob of kings," he thought, bitterly. "I am no better than the rest."

The artist meanwhile had rushed to the street and raised an alarm.

Xoro's subjects ran up and he was soon master of the situation.

"Where am I?" murmured the girl, who all this time had seemed in a trance.

"You are safe," said Xoro.

The sound of her voice had resolved him to make this fair unknown his queen. He saw that she knew what passed in his mind and was content.

"Sire," she said, "your psychological experiments leave no one safe in your dominions."

They were alone now, for the turbulent monarchs had noisily retreated, with the people after them.

"My only wish," said Xoro, "is to study the mental condition that results from a given set of circumstances."

"Then, sire, why not rejoice in the mental condition that results from pleasing your subjects in all things?"

Xoro understood and assented with an inclination of his head.

"But whom have we here?" he asked, as the young artist appeared, leading a fair girl by the hand.

"My wife," replied the painter.

"My sister," said the maid in Xoro's arms.

The newcomer knelt before the king. "Arise," said Xoro, "you shall be my prime minister."

A loud explosion interrupted him. Gogo had burst with rage.

ALEXANDER HARVEY.

Good Advice.

"Never strike a man when he is down, my son," said Lord Chesterfield. "He may get up again."—Truth.

"My little boy was very bad off for two months with diarrhea. We used various medicines, also called in two doctors, but nothing done him any good until we used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy, which gave immediate relief and soon cured him. I consider it the best medicine made and can conscientiously recommend it to all who need a diarrhea or colic medicine. J. E. Hays, Trenton, Tex. 22 and 50 cent bottles for sale by F. J. Wurzburg, druggist, 56 Monroe.

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COMMENCING MONDAY MORNING, JULY 24,

WE WILL INAUGURATE OUR SEMI-ANNUAL INVENTORY SALE.

An inventory as in so large an establishment of this kind involves a great amount of labor and consumes much valuable time, especially where stock is large. This is our case exactly—there is but one remedy, namely, reduce stock to its very lowest minimum. This must be consummated by August 10. Profits are out of the question—cost will not be taken into consideration—but one thought, one aim our object, viz: Reduce quantities in every department. This must be done—Monday—tomorrow, and continuing until August 10 we offer our gigantic stock of reasonable merchandise of Dress Goods, Silks, Cloaks, Wrappers, Tea Gowns, Hosiery, Underwear, Linens, Domestic, Parasols, Gloves, Infants' Wear, Gents' Furnishings, and everything throughout our entire store, at some small price to close out many lots entirely, and reduce other lines. Come Monday, come every day and partake of this feast of Live Bargains. Do as your neighbors, secure first choice and save your dollars—wisely saved when invested in merchandise at such Sweepingly Reduced Prices. Take your pick, call for what you wish; some lots are large, others small; as long as they last they will go at Inventory Sale Prices. We can only quote a few pickings from our several departments of the thousands of real Bargains at your beck and call:

Wash Fabrics and Domestics.

At 6½¢ a yard, choice styles and colorings of 100 quality Dress Gingham.

At 15¢ a yard, 32 in. French and Scotch Gingham, reduced from 25¢.

At 12½¢ a yard, 27 in. French and Scotch Dress Gingham, marked down from 20¢.

At 6½¢ a yard, best quality Domestic Apron Check Gingham, reduced from 10¢.

At 7½¢ a yard, best Outing Flannel, reduced from 10¢ and 12½¢.

At 4½¢ a yard, best Shaker Flannel, including every style and kind of Wash Fabrics at proportionately reduced prices.

At 10¢ a yard, extra quality, double width, bleached Pillow Case Cotton.

At reduced prices, entire line of Prints.

Cloaks, Suits and Wrappers.

One-half off the regular selling price on choice of any Lady's Jacket or Cape or Child's Jacket in the house.

Ladies' Eton or Blazer Storm Serge Suits, worth up to \$10, all reduced for this sale to \$3.39.

Ladies' Duck Suits, the prevailing thing for outing and traveling, a full line at \$3.89.

Ladies' Print Suits in light and dark colorings, at reduced range of prices, \$1.25, \$1.60, \$1.98 and \$2.49.

Ladies' Calico Wrappers, well made, nicely gathered back and yoke, will be offered at 89¢.

Challies and Cambrics.

Entire lot of Wash Challies and Prints, best patterns and styles, all reduced to 2½¢ a yard.

Linens.

Our stock and assortment is entirely too large. The vastly reduced prices placed on these necessities will readily and quickly diminish the quantity. Everything to go at sale prices: Yard Linens, bleached, unbleached, turkey red, Towels, Toweling, Crashes, Lunch Cloths, Stamped Linens of all kinds, Table Sets and Napkins. We will offer a range of prices, reduced one-fourth, one-third and one-half their regular value.

Now is the time to supply your Linen wants: Turkish Towels reduced to 4¢, 10¢, 12½¢, 15¢ and 19¢.

Crash Toweling at 3½¢, 5¢, 7¢ and 9¢ a yard.

Unbleached Table Damask ranging at reduced prices, 19¢, 25¢, 29¢, 39¢ and 49¢ a yard.

Bleached Satin Damask at reduced range of prices, 47¢, 55¢, 59¢, 69¢ and 73¢ a yard.

Turkey Red Damask to go at these marked down prices, 19¢, 25¢, 29¢ and 39¢ a yard.

Pure Linen Napkins—think of it—reduced to 44¢, 59¢, 63¢, 79¢, 98¢ and \$1.12½ per dozen.

One lot Stamped Linen Tray Cloths, Commode and Dresser Scarfs, Splashes, Combing Towels, beautifully designed, worth up to 65¢ and 75¢, all reduced to close at 39¢.

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36 inch Cheverous reduced to 12 1-2¢ a yard.

Black Goods.

These prices will move them lively. All wool Black Henriettas and Serges, sold at 50¢ and 60¢, reduced to 39¢ a yard.

38 inch Black Wool Grenadines reduced to 25¢ a yard to close.

All Wool Black Hop Sackings will be offered at 50¢ a yard.

Priestly's Black Goods, in all latest weaves, scores of new effects, all to go without reserve at extremely reduced prices.

Silks.

Our entire stock of Black and Colored Silks, Novelties, Trimming Silks, Printed and Plain Japanese Silks will receive a thunderbolt cut in way of reduced prices.

Remnants of Silks, sufficient for waists or dress trimmings, worth up to \$1.50 a yard, will be closed out in two range of prices, 25¢ and 50¢ a yard.

Printed China Silks, a few is all we have left, will be closed out at 23¢ a yard.

Balance of printed Punjun and Jap Silks, dark or light ground effects, 75¢ to \$1 quality, reduced to close at 49¢ a yard.

27 inch plain Jap Silks, just the thing for seasonable wear, regular price \$1, now 79¢ a yard.

A few choice patterns, all we have of Cheney Bros.' best printed China Silks, will go at 75¢ a yard, reduced from \$1.25.

Pure Black Faille Silks reduced to 69¢ a yard.

Extra quality Gros Grain Silk, a ready seller at price, \$1.35, reduced to 98¢ (very special).

Black Figured Taffeta Silks all reduced to 89¢ a yard, worth from \$1 to \$1.22.

Parasols, latest Parisian novelties, ranging in prices from \$8, \$10, \$12 and \$15, all at one reduced price, viz: \$5. Entire line of fancy parasols worth from \$5 to \$8, reduced to \$3.75. Ladies' Kid Gloves, best make, and Celebrated Trefosse Gloves, scores of newest shades including White Chamois and Black, ranging in price up to \$1.50 and \$1.75, reduced to 89¢ a pair. Soaps and Perfumes reduced to one-half druggists prices. One lot Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs reduced to 11¢. One lot Ladies' Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 25¢, reduced to 17¢. Prices quoted above are only a few of the great number of bargains offered at our Inventory Sale. You should be one of the thousands to take advantage of this sale.

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Colored Dress Goods.

These will be placed on bargain counters in several lots, marked down at ruinous prices; such values when sold regularly at 50¢ and 60¢ a yard, will go at 29¢ a yard.

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Another lot, better grades, 46-inch Serges and Henriettas, and other best French and German imported fabrics, positively worth 75¢ and 85¢, and good values at that, for this sale reduced, price 59¢ a yard.

All at one price—they will go—Venetian Cords, Novelty Suitings, Plaids, Damaca Cloth, etc., ranging in prices \$1.00 and \$1.25.

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Padding, in all shades, 7¢ a yard.

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Ladies' Hose that sold at 20¢ reduced to 12 1-2¢ a pair.

Ladies' 25¢ and 30¢ Hosiery reduced to 19¢ a pair.

Ladies' 40¢ and 50¢ Hose reduced to 29¢ a pair.

1 lot Ladies' Silk and Fine Lisle Thread Hose reduced to 43¢ a pair.

Children's Double Knee, Ribbed Hose reduced to 19¢ a pair.

Children's Ribbed, Fast Black Hose at 12 1-2¢.

Underwear.

Ladies' 25¢ quality Ribbed Vests reduced to 19¢.

Ladies' Genuine Lisle Thread, Richelieu Ribbed Vests, white or ecru silk trimmings, worth 50¢ and 60¢, reduced for this sale to 39¢.

Ladies' Pure Silk Underwear, in fashionable colors and black and ecru, reduced to 79¢.

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Infants' Silk Bonnets reduced to 19¢.

Infants' Hand Crocheted Sacques at 25¢.

Children's Gingham Dresses reduced to 21¢. Special grades reduced to 59¢ and 69¢.

Children's White Dresses and Aprons reduced to 25¢.

Knit Booties at 9¢, 15¢, 20¢ and 25¢.

Children's Jersey Wool Dresses, worth up to \$5.00, reduced to \$1.49.

Gents' Furnishings.

Men's Outing Shirts marked down to 19¢.

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Children's Fine Shirt Waists and Blouses, Silk and Wool Outing, Sateen and Cambric Fabric, worth from 75¢ to \$1.50, in inventory lot sale they will go at 47¢.

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Men's Jean Drawers reduced to 21¢.

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